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Deputy Barry Ward,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dail Question No: 309: To ask the Minister for Transport the number of employees in each of the agencies under his Department's remit; the number employed per year each year since 2015, by grade, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Identical Question(s): to all Depts.

Dear Deputy Ward,

Thank you for your query regarding employee numbers. Each year, daa publishes the average monthly employee numbers (FTE) for that year in our Annual Report. Please find those figures detailed below. Please note that Civil Service grades do not apply within daa.

The reduction in employee numbers during 2020 and 2021 was primarily due to the significant decline in air travel caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, alongside measures such as a voluntary severance programme and the deferral of non-essential recruitment. Conversely, the increase from 2023 reflects the strong recovery in passenger volumes and daa's proactive recruitment strategy to ensure we meet operational requirements and maintain service standards.

Year	Average Monthly Employee Numbers (FTE)	Link to Annual Report
2015	3,300	Page 54 2015-annual-report-english-version
2016	3,598	Page 72 2016-annual-report-english-version
2017	3,855	Page 66 2017-annual-report-english-version
2018	4,039	Page 82 2018-annual-report-english-version
2019	4,139	Page 90 2019-annual-report-english-version
2020	3,205	Page 88 2020-annual-report-english-versioned9367fb27be6285bac0ff000028e300
2021	2,812	Page 36 Annual Report 2021 daa
2022	3,430	Page 23 Annual Report 2022 daa
2023	3,950	Page 73 daa-Annual-Report-2023-WEB.pdf
2024	4,176	Page 75 Annual Reports daa

We trust this clarifies the matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rebecca Troy'.

Rebecca Troy,
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